



TOWNSHIP OF PEQUANNOCK  
BOARD OF EDUCATION

**REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES  
OCTOBER 16, 2023**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The October 16, 2023 Regular Business Meeting of the Board of Education, Township of Pequannock, County of Morris, was called to order at 7:00 pm in the Cedar Crest Belmont Performing Arts Center, Cedar Crest Drive, Pompton Plains, NJ 07444, by Brian Senyk, Board President. The following statement of compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act was read:

In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, Public Law 1975, Chapter 231, notice of this meeting has been properly advertised in the Daily Record and the Suburban Trends, its agenda has been posted at the appropriate locations, and a copy has been filed with the Pequannock Township Clerk.

**ROLL CALL**

PRESENT:	Mr. Joseph Blumert	Mr. Sam Ciresi	Ms. Megan Dempsey
	Mrs. Danielle Esposito	Mr. Timothy Gitin	Mr. Vincent Pompeo
	Mrs. Cara Shenton	Mr. Brian Senyk	

ABSENT: Mr. Greg MacSweeney

ALSO PRESENT: Michael Portas, Ed. D., Superintendent  
Gordon E. Gibbs, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary  
Elizabeth Sheridan, Ed.D., Director of Curriculum  
Jaclyn M. Morgese, Esq., Board Attorney

**FLAG SALUTE**

Board President's Report – Mr. Brian Senyk

Thanked the Cedar Crest residents and staff for hosting the annual meeting at Cedar Crest and for the warm welcome. Explained that pink is being worn for breast cancer awareness. Reported that the band competition to take place on September 22<sup>nd</sup> was cancelled due to weather. Congratulated the Board on receiving the NJSBA Certification and announced that the Board will begin working on the Carol E. Larsen Certification. Thanked Dr. Portas for the great relationship and collaboration and asked that he display the certification plaque in the Board Office. Announced that there will be a community forum at PTHS on school start times on October 26<sup>th</sup>. Announced that there will be two presentations tonight. Commented on the successful QSAC scores.

Superintendent's Report – Dr. Michael Portas

Thanked Cedar Crest for hosting the meeting. Thanked the Police Department for their calm during global online threats.

Student Representative Report – Lilliana Fazliu

Reported on activities at PTHS including PSATs, motivational speaker Mark Mero, Wheelchair Basketball game, Fall Sports, Band successes, Senior Night, Pep Rally, Clothing Drive, Hope packing event, Financial Aid Night, 4 Years and Beyond.

HIB Self-Assessment Report – Oona Abrams

Statewide Assessment Results Report – Dr. Portas and Dr. Sheridan

School Business Administrator’s Report – Mr. Gordon E. Gibbs

Reported on Pomptonian Food Service approval, donations, safety window film, tree removal, 2024-2025 budget process, Zoning Board of Adjustment meeting on November 8<sup>th</sup>, and NJSBA Workshop.

**OPEN TO PUBLIC – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY**

Members of the public may speak once for a maximum period of five minutes by the clock during this portion of the meeting. The public may speak on any agenda item during their five minutes. If a member of the public raises a question, all questions should be directed to the Board President. Please state your name and sign in before you begin.

The following Cedar Crest residents participated:

- Larry Kazanak, former superintendent, commended the Board and Superintendent for their partnership which is of great benefit to the students. He advised against over-testing. He remarked that teaching should be the way the child learns, not the way we teach.
- Edward Englehardt, retired teacher and former Pequannock school board member, thanked the Board for being at Cedar Crest and expressed how important the meeting is for residents. He commented that when he served on the board of education, there was a time when books were considered being banned and he is not in favor of banning books.
- Rena Goldman, retired special education teacher, emphasized the importance of hands-on materials for students.
- Dr. Tim Gallagher, NYU Alumnus, asked how many students are in the district. He asked, in regard to the statewide assessment results presentation, why some students refused to take part in the ELL program. He asked if they feel stigmatized.
- Margaret Mack, Ruth Winfrey, Diane Reger, and Sally LeBean, all retired educators, described their program called “Sprinkles of Good Wishes” where they provide a gift to new teachers in Pequannock, Kinnelon, and Butler.
- Bruce Campbell commented that he had two children attend Pequannock Schools. In regard to lapse of data due to COVID, he asked if there is data going further back that may show trends.
- Susan Lee Schwartz, former New York City public school teacher, discussed analyzing the data to assess student learning. She mentioned the Network for Public Education as a good resource.
- David Lewis, President of the Democratic Club, spoke of a voting issue during the last election and emphasized that the voting was honest and transparent.

- Mr. Englebardt encouraged the Superintendent to take advantage of his connection to the Pequannock Historical Society and offered to provide resources for students in their history classes.

Dr. Portas responded to questions and comments including striking a healthy balance with testing, appreciating the value Cedar Crest has for education, and being respectful of community norms. He is in favor of “feeling the math” by using manipulatives. He provided a breakdown of the number of students as 945 elementary students, 472 middle school students, and 671 high school students. He explained that, although some students may feel stigmatized by participating in the ELL program, another reason may be that students do not want to miss classes to be pulled out for ELL. Dr. Portas thanked the retired educators for providing gift bags to teachers and emphasized the importance of making teaching appealing. He will look into pre-COVID data. He spoke of the importance of knowing what learning looks like. He remarked that voting is using your voice. He commented on the value of having knowledge of your town’s history.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

September 18, 2023 and October 2, 2023

Motion by: Gitin	Second by: Pompeo	Roll Call Vote: 8-0-0
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## APPROVAL OF ACTION ITEMS

### PERSONNEL, MANAGEMENT, AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Mr. Sam Ciresi, Chair

PMC-98-24	Approval of Unpaid Absences - 2023-2024 School Year
PMC-99-24	Approval to Amend Medical and/or Family Leave of Absence - 2023-2024 School Year (PMC-44-24)
PMC-100-24	Approval of Medical and/or Family Leave of Absence - 2023-2024 School Year
PMC-101-24	Approval to Rescind Extracurricular Stipend Position - 2023-2024 School Year (PMC-323-23)
PMC-102-24	Approval to Amend Appointment - 2023-2024 School Year (PMC-67-24)
PMC-103-24	Approval to Amend Salaries for Extracurricular Positions - 2023-2024 School Year (PMC-324-23)
PMC-104-24	Approval of Appointments - 2023-2024 School Year
PMC-105-24	Approval of Extracurricular Stipend Positions - 2023-2024 School Year
PMC-106-24	Approval of Appointment of Interscholastic Sports Stipend Position - 2023-2024 School Year
PMC-107-24	Approval of Coaches - 2023-2024 School Year
PMC-108-24	Approval of Additional Period Assignment - 2023-2024 School Year
PMC-109-24	Approval of Transfer of Staff - 2023-2024 School Year
PMC-110-24	Approval of School Lunch Aides - 2023-2024 School Year
PMC-111-24	Approval of Substitute Custodian - 2023-2024 School Year
PMC-112-24	Approval of the Update to Uniform State Memorandum of Agreement & Understanding - 2023-2024 School Year

### RESOLUTION NO. PMC-98-24

#### APPROVAL OF UNPAID ABSENCES - 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves unpaid absences for the following personnel for the 2023-2024 school year:

EMPLOYEE ID	DATE
#1198	11/8/2023
#2893	5/9/2024, 5/10/2024

Motion by: Ciresi	Second by: Esposito	Roll Call Vote: 8-0-0
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### RESOLUTION NO. PMC-99-24

#### APPROVAL TO AMEND MEDICAL AND/OR FAMILY LEAVE OF ABSENCE - 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR (PMC-44-24)

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, hereby amends the disability medical leave, child care or family leave of absence under the Family Medical Leave Act and the New Jersey Family Leave Act as follows. Staff using sick leave during the temporary disability period will be paid salary with health benefits coverage. Employee's leave under FMLA running concurrent with NJFLA shall be unpaid; however, health benefits will continue.

EMPLOYEE ID	DISABILITY LEAVE (on or about)	SICK/PERSONAL/ VACATION DAYS TO BE USED	NJFLA/FMLA LEAVE (on or about)	UNPAID (on or about)	RETURN TO WORK DATE (on or about)
#4520	10/30/2023-1/5/2024	40 days	1/6/2024-4/7/2024	4/8/2024-6/30/2024	9/1/2024

Motion by: Ciresi	Second by: Esposito	Roll Call Vote: 8-0-0
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**RESOLUTION NO. PMC-100-24****APPROVAL OF MEDICAL AND/OR FAMILY LEAVE OF ABSENCE - 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, hereby approves the disability medical leave, child care or family leave of absence under the Family Medical Leave Act and the New Jersey Family Leave Act as follows. Staff using sick leave during the temporary disability period will be paid salary with health benefits coverage. Employee's leave under FMLA running concurrent with NJFLA shall be unpaid; however, health benefits will continue.

EMPLOYEE ID	DISABILITY LEAVE (on or about)	SICK/PERSONAL/ VACATION DAYS TO BE USED	FMLA LEAVE (on or about)	NJFLA LEAVE (on or about)	UNPAID DAYS	RETURN TO WORK DATE (on or about)
#4638	10/10/2023- 10/31/2023 (pending school physician approval)	16 days	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
#4685	10/23/2023-11/3/2023	10 days	N/A	N/A	N/A	11/6/2023

Motion by: Ciresi	Second by: Esposito	Roll Call Vote: 8-0-0
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**RESOLUTION NO. PMC-101-24****APPROVAL TO RESCIND EXTRACURRICULAR STIPEND POSITION - 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR  
(PMC-323-23)**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, rescinds the following stipend position for the 2023-2024 school year.

**North Boulevard School**

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	POSITION	STIPEND
Vuolo	Dana	Computer Club-5th Grade	\$1,200

Motion by: Ciresi	Second by: Esposito	Roll Call Vote: 8-0-0
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**RESOLUTION NO. PMC-102-24****APPROVAL TO AMEND APPOINTMENT - 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR (PMC-67-24)**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, amends the appointment of the following personnel in the Pequannock Township School District, \*\*pending full satisfaction of requisite New Jersey Department of Education and District employment criteria and results from post-offer physical and drug test per Policies 3160 & 4160.

NAME	POSITION	EFFECTIVE DATES (on or about)	SALARY
Vasquez, Lauren Leave Replacement for #4520	Leave Replacement - MLSP Teacher Stephen J. Gerace School	10/26/2023-6/30/2024	BA, Step 1 \$58,040 (prorated)

Motion by: Ciresi	Second by: Esposito	Roll Call Vote: 8-0-0
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**RESOLUTION NO. PMC-103-24****APPROVAL TO AMEND SALARIES FOR EXTRACURRICULAR POSITIONS - 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR (PMC-324-23)**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, amends the extracurricular salaries of the following out of district personnel for the 2023-2024 school year, pending full satisfaction of requisite New Jersey Department of Education and District employment criteria.

**Pequannock Township High School**

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	POSITION	SCHOOL	STIPEND
Trujillo	Heather	Color Guard Advisor	PTHS	\$1,555.16

Motion by: Ciresi	Second by: Esposito	Roll Call Vote: 8-0-0
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**RESOLUTION NO. PMC-104-24****APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS - 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the appointments of the following personnel in the Pequannock Township School District, \*\*pending full satisfaction of requisite New Jersey Department of Education and District employment criteria and results from post-offer physical and drug test per Policies 3160 & 4160.

NAME	POSITION	EFFECTIVE DATES (on or about)	SALARY
Renaldo, Traci <i>Replacing Sharon Johnson</i>	Bus Driver Pequannock Township School District	11/1/2023-6/30/2024	Step 2, \$37,340 (prorated)

Motion by: Ciresi	Second by: Esposito	Roll Call Vote: 8-0-0
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**RESOLUTION NO. PMC-105-24****APPROVAL OF EXTRACURRICULAR STIPEND POSITIONS - 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the following stipends for the 2023-2024 school year, per the Negotiated Agreement between the Pequannock Township Board of Education and the Pequannock Township Education Association. \*\*pending full satisfaction of requisite New Jersey Department of Education and District employment criteria and results from post-offer physical and drug-test as per Policies 3160 & 4160.

**North Boulevard School**

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	POSITION	STIPEND
Huff	Kimberly	Computer Club-5th Grade	\$1,200

Motion by: Ciresi	Second by: Esposito	Roll Call Vote: 8-0-0
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**RESOLUTION NO. PMC-106-24****APPROVAL OF INTERSCHOLASTIC SPORTS STIPEND POSITIONS - 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the appointment of the following district personnel as coaches/volunteers for the 2023-2024 school year, per the Negotiated Agreement between the Pequannock Township Board of Education and the Pequannock Township Education Association.

**Winter, 2023-2024**

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	ASSIGNMENT	SCHOOL	STEP	STIPEND
Horetsky	Brandon	Head Boys Basketball	PTHS	3	\$6,422
Larranaga	John	Assistant Boys Basketball	PTHS	5	\$5,317
Zummo	Michael	Volunteer Boys Basketball	PTHS	N/A	N/A
Moschella	Michael	Assistant Wrestling	PTHS	5	\$5,317/ +\$1,000
Mellea	Samantha	Head Winter Track	PTHS	4	\$6,144
Lanzafama	Melissa	Head Cheerleading	PTHS	N/A	\$2,672
Ondrof	Nicole	Assistant Swim Coach	PTHS	M	\$5,570
Zummo	Michael	Boys Basketball	PVS	M	\$5,727
Sica	Luke	Wrestling	PVS	M	\$5,727
Goodwin	Maryann	Head Cheerleading	PVS	N/A	\$2,672
Zummo	Michael	Volleyball	PVS	2	\$2,703
McBride	Colin	Assistant Coach	PVS	N/A	\$2,580
Rogers	Kristie	Assistant Coach	PVS	N/A	\$2,580
Moschella	Michael	Volunteer-Weight Room (Winter)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Sica	Luke	Volunteer-Weight Room (Winter)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Zummo	Michael	Volunteer-Weight Room (Winter)	N/A	N/A	N/A

Motion by: Ciresi	Second by: Esposito	Roll Call Vote: 8-0-0
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**RESOLUTION NO. PMC-107-24****APPROVAL OF COACHES - 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the appointment of the following out of district personnel as coaches/volunteers for the 2023-2024 school year, pending full satisfaction of requisite New Jersey Department of Education and District employment criteria.

**Winter, 2023-2024**

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	ASSIGNMENT	SCHOOL	STEP	STIPEND
Gray	Oliver	Assistant Boys Basketball	PTHS	5	\$5,317
Baggot	Jennifer	Head Girls Basketball	PTHS	M	\$8,222
Scillieri	Dana	Assistant Girls Basketball	PTHS	3	\$4,480

LaPaglia	Jason	Head Wrestling	PTHS	M	\$8,222/ +\$1,000
Pocze	Steven	Assistant Wrestling	PTHS	3	\$4,480/ +\$1,000
O'Brien	Shaun	Volunteer Wrestling	PTHS	N/A	N/A
Mullins	Richard	Assistant Winter Track	PTHS	M	\$5,570
Murphy	Casey	Head Swim Coach	PTHS	M	\$7,400
Scarpa	Chris	Head Ice Hockey	PTHS	N/A	N/A
Latronica	Niklas	Assistant Ice Hockey	PTHS	N/A	N/A
*Williams	Julie	Assistant Ice Hockey	PTHS	N/A	N/A
Marrano	Keith	Volunteer Ice Hockey	PTHS	N/A	N/A
Troast	Tamra	Girls Basketball	PVS	M	\$5,727
Goodwin	Carla	Assistant Cheerleading	PVS	N/A	\$2,056
LaPaglia	Jason	Volunteer-Weight Room (Winter)	PTHS	N/A	N/A

Motion by: Ciresi	Second by: Esposito	Roll Call Vote: 8-0-0
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**RESOLUTION NO. PMC-108-24**

**APPROVAL OF ADDITIONAL PERIOD ASSIGNMENT - 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the following personnel for additional period assignment/supervisory duty for the 2023-2024 school year, prorated, per Negotiated Agreement between the Pequannock Township Board of Education and the Pequannock Township Education Association.

NAME	SCHOOL	FREQUENCY	SUBJECT	EFFECTIVE DATES	SALARY
Benitez, Rebecca <i>Add'l Period Assignment</i>	Pequannock Valley School & Stephen J. Gerace School	48 minutes/day 1.5 days/week	Music	9/1/2023- 6/30/2024	\$2,075

Motion by: Ciresi	Second by: Esposito	Roll Call Vote: 8-0-0
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**RESOLUTION NO. PMC-109-24****APPROVAL OF TRANSFER OF STAFF - 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the transfer of the following personnel in Pequannock Township School District:

NAME	FROM	TO	EFFECTIVE DATES	SALARY
Morello, Sharon	.7 Special Education Aide Pequannock Township School District	.7 ABA/Community Inclusion Pequannock Township School District	9/1/2023-6/30/2024	Step 6 (prorated), \$15,806

Motion by: Ciresi	Second by: Esposito	Roll Call Vote: 8-0-0
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**RESOLUTION NO. PMC-110-24****APPROVAL OF SCHOOL LUNCH AIDE - 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the appointments of the following school lunch aide on an as needed basis to be determined by each building principal for the 2023-2024 school year at the rate of \$15.00, pending full satisfaction of requisite New Jersey Department of Education and District employment criteria.

STEPHEN J. GERACE SCHOOL
Paternostro, Michael

Motion by: Ciresi	Second by: Esposito	Roll Call Vote: 8-0-0
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**RESOLUTION NO. PMC-111-24****APPROVAL OF SUBSTITUTE CUSTODIAN - 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the following personnel as a substitute custodian in the Pequannock Township School District, \*\*pending full satisfaction of requisite New Jersey Department of Education and District employment criteria and results from post-offer physical and drug test per Policies 3160 & 4160.

NAME	EFFECTIVE DATES	SALARY
Santos, Eric	10/17/2023-6/30/2024	\$18.00/hour As needed

Motion by: Ciresi	Second by: Esposito	Roll Call Vote: 8-0-0
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**RESOLUTION NO. PMC-112-24****APPROVAL OF THE UPDATE TO UNIFORM STATE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT & UNDERSTANDING - 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the update to the Uniform State Memorandum of Agreement & Understanding between Education and Law Enforcement Officials for the Pequannock Township School District for the 2023-2024 school year.

Motion by: Ciresi	Second by: Esposito	Roll Call Vote: 8-0-0
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## **CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION AND SPECIAL SERVICES**

**Mr. Greg MacSweeney, Chair**

CIS-27-24	Approval of Workshop/Conference Attendance and Reimbursement of Related Travel Expenses
CIS-28-24	Approval of Out-of-State Student Field Trip
CIS-29-24	Approval of Student Field Trips
CIS-30-24	Approval of Enrichment Program and Facilitators 2023-2024
CIS-31-24	Approval of District Evaluation Advisory Committee (DEAC) - 2023-2024 School Year
CIS-32-24	Approval of New and Revised Curriculum and Payment to Writers
CIS-33-24	Approval of Curriculum Writing for the 2024-2025 School Year
CIS-34-24	Approval of Out-of-District Placement of Students 2023-2024 School Year

### **RESOLUTION NO. CIS-27-24**

#### **APPROVAL OF WORKSHOP/CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE AND REIMBURSEMENT OF RELATED TRAVEL EXPENSES**

WHEREAS, the attendance at stated functions was previously approved by the Superintendent of Schools, as work related and within the scope of the work responsibilities of the attendees and the school district's professional development plan; and

WHEREAS, the attendance at the functions was approved as promoting delivery of instruction or furthering efficient operation of the school district and is deemed fiscally prudent; and

WHEREAS, the travel and related expenses particular to attendance at these functions will be in compliance with state travel payment guidelines established by the Department of Treasury and the Federal Office of Management and Budget; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Pequannock Township Board of Education approves these attendances; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the reimbursement of the related travel expenses shall be in accordance with the above-mentioned guidelines. These are "not-to-exceed" amounts:

<b>DATES</b>	<b>EMPLOYEE</b>	<b>CONFERENCE/ WORKSHOP LOCATION</b>	<b>REGISTRATION</b>	<b>TRAVEL/ LODGING</b>	<b>SUB COST</b>	<b>ESTIMATED TOTAL EXPENSE</b>
10/10/23	Scalchi, Heather	Foundations Level K Virtual	\$320.00	\$0	\$150.00	\$470.00 (Paid w/ESEA II)
10/12/23- 10/13/23	Schneider, Nicola	BABAT (ABA) Annual Conf, Worcester, MA	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
10/17/23	Foglio, Christopher	Math Interventions Hackensack	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
10/17/23	Marotta, Jill	Math Interventions Hackensack	\$0	\$19.81	\$0	\$19.81 (Paid w/ESEA II)
11/15/23	Madison, Megan	Starlab Planetarium Training, Raritan Valley Community College	\$0	\$0	\$150.000	\$150.00
11/16/23	Massaro, Jackie	NJASBO/Food Service Whippany, NJ	\$125.00	\$14.29	\$0	\$139.29
12/3/23 - 12/5/23	Munro, Valerie	NJASL Fall Conf Atlantic City, NJ	\$250.00	\$508.57	\$300.00	\$1,058.57 (Paid w/ESEA II)

12/3/23 - 12/5/23	Meyerson, Kimberly	NJASL Fall Conf Atlantic City, NJ	\$250.00	\$450.54	\$300.00	\$1,000.54 (Paid w/ESEA II)
12/3/23 - 12/5/23	Sinopoli, Cheryl	NJASL Fall Conf Atlantic City, NJ	\$250.00	\$492.28	\$300.00	\$1,042.28 (Paid w/ESEA II)
12/5/23	Kopp, Edward	CAE - Aviation Roundtable, Morristown, NJ	\$0	\$15.98	\$0	\$15.98 (Paid w/ESEA II)
12/5/23	Graff, Nicole	CAE - Aviation Roundtable, Morristown, NJ	\$0	\$6.39	\$0	\$6.39 (Paid w/ESEA II)
12/12/23	Massaro, Jackie	NJASBO/Pensions Whippany, NJ	\$125.00	\$14.29	\$0	\$139.29
12/12/23	Colicchio, Margaret	NJASBO/Pensions Whippany, NJ	\$175.00	\$14.29	\$0	\$189.29
12/15/23 - 12/19/23	Silipena, Brian	NADC Conference Orlando, FL	\$470.00	\$1,730.89	\$0	\$2,200.89
2/2/24	Blau, Alexandra	FDU Counselor Luncheon Teaneck, NJ	\$0	\$19.46	\$0	\$19.46 (Paid w/ESEA II)
2/15/23 - 2/17/23	Portas, Michael	AASA National Conf San Diego, CA	\$780.00	\$1,750.00	\$0	\$2,530.00 (Paid w/ESEA II)
3/21/24	Massaro, Jackie	NJASBO/Purchasing Whippany, NJ	\$125.00	\$14.29	\$0	\$139.29
4/11/24	Massaro, Jackie	NJASBO/Audit Review Whippany, NJ	\$125.00	\$14.29	\$0	\$139.29

Motion by: Shenton	Second by: Blumert	Roll Call Vote: 8-0-0
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**RESOLUTION NO. CIS-28-24**  
**APPROVAL OF OUT-OF-STATE STUDENT FIELD TRIP**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the following out-of-state student field trips:

DATE	DESTINATION	PERSON IN CHARGE	SCHOOL/ GRADE/ # STUDENTS	PURPOSE	COST TO STUDENT	COST TO DISTRICT
3/8/24 - 3/10/24	Boston Symphony Orchestra	Streifer, Anthony Arnold, William	PV/PTHS/8-12/110	Concert Bands Professional Clinic	\$695.00	\$0
4/1/24 - 4/5/24	Quebec City & Montreal, Canada	Crefeld, Michele	PTHS/9-12/20	For cultural awareness	\$1,477.00	\$0

Motion by: Shenton	Second by: Blumert	Roll Call Vote: 8-0-0
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**RESOLUTION NO. CIS-29-24**  
**APPROVAL OF STUDENT FIELD TRIP**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the following student field trips:

DATE	DESTINATION	PERSON IN CHARGE	SCHOOL/ GRADE/ # STUDENTS	PURPOSE	COST TO STUDENT	COST TO DISTRICT
11/1/23	Tavern 5	Lipari/Honig	PTHS/9-12/50	Investigate the segments of the food & beverage industry	\$20.00	\$300.00 (Subs)
11/2/23	Lincoln Park Airport	George, Chris	PTHS/9-12/20	Aero Safety Training	\$0	\$0
3/14/24	Liberty Science Center	Huff, Kimberly Vuolo, Dana	NB/3/41	Enhance Science Curriculum	\$0	\$0
6/6/24	Lincoln Harbor, Weehawken, NJ	Brensinger, Lee Ann	PTHS/12/165	Senior Class Trip	\$175.00	\$0

Motion by: Shenton	Second by: Blumert	Roll Call Vote: 8-0-0
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**RESOLUTION NO. CIS-30-24**  
**APPROVAL OF ENRICHMENT PROGRAM AND FACILITATORS 2023-2024**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the Enrichment Program sessions for the 2023-2024 school year to take place at the three elementary schools before or after regular school hours, and instructional facilitators as listed at a salary prorated for 45 minutes based on 1/200 of the teacher's salary. Program to run October 2023 through May 2024 for Social Studies, Science, Language Arts and Math.

NAME	BUILDING	RATE (PRORATED)
Muzzio-Rentas, Jessica	SJG	\$53.55
Budd, Julie	HV	\$54.62
Munro, Valerie	HV	\$52.48
Dean, Jamie	NB	\$49.60
McNulty-Dod, Melissa	NB	\$38.92

Motion by: Shenton	Second by: Blumert	Roll Call Vote: 8-0-0
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**RESOLUTION NO. CIS-31-24**  
**APPROVAL OF DISTRICT EVALUATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (DEAC) - 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the District Evaluation Advisory Committee for school year 2023-2024, as follows:

Central Office Administrator: Elizabeth Sheridan

Superintendent: Michael Portas

Administrators Conducting Evaluations: Elissa Scillieri, Matthew Reiner, Allison Stager, John Seborowski, Emily Ringen, Richard Hayzler, Jennifer Mildner, Brian Silipena, Jose Negron, Deborah Iosso, Oona Abrams, Daniel O'Keefe, Edward Kopp, Jill Marotta, Elizabeth Sheridan, Helena Branco, Christopher Foglio

Student Services Directors: Helena Branco, Christopher Foglio  
 Parent(s)/Community: Stephanie Rossow  
 Board of Education Member(s): Brian Senyk & Megan Dempsey  
 High School Teacher Representatives: Lee Ann Brensinger, Bryan Rescigno  
 Middle School Teacher Representative: Denise Donch  
 Appointed at the Discretion of the Superintendent: Oona Abrams, Daniel O'Keefe, Edward Kopp, Jill Marotta  
 ScIP Committee Members: Josh Belardo, Dana Vuolo, Denise Donch, Chellsea Deley, Chris Kirkland

Motion by: Shenton	Second by: Blumert	Roll Call Vote: 8-0-0
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**RESOLUTION NO. CIS-32-24**

**APPROVAL OF NEW AND REVISED CURRICULUM AND PAYMENT TO WRITERS**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approves new and revised curriculum writing, and payment to writers, per PTEA Article 30 6.m. \$183 per diem:

TITLE	TOTAL PAYMENT
Grade 5 Science	Rodeiro, Christine (6 days) \$1,098

Motion by: Shenton	Second by: Blumert	Roll Call Vote: 8-0-0
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**RESOLUTION NO. CIS-33-24**

**APPROVAL OF CURRICULUM WRITING FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approves curriculum writing and development as follows, per PTEA Article 30 6 m. \$183 per diem:

TITLE	TOTAL PAYMENT
World Language - Spanish 6	6 days (\$1,098)
World Language - Spanish 7	6 days (\$1,098)
World Language - Spanish 8	6 days (\$1,098)
World Language - Spanish IV A/H	6 days (\$1,098)
World Language - Spanish V Honors	6 days (\$1,098)
Science - Grade 7	6 days (\$1,098)
Science - Environmental Science	6 days (\$1,098)
Science - Biology A/H	6 days (\$1,098)
Science - Chemistry A/H	6 days (\$1,098)
Science - Physics A/H	6 days (\$1,098)
Social Studies - Grade 7 Civics	6 days (\$1,098)
Social Studies - Grade 8 Honors	6 days (\$1,098)

Social Studies - World History A Grade 9	6 days (\$1,098)
Social Studies - US History I	6 days (\$1,098)
Social Studies - US History II	6 days (\$1,098)
Social Studies - Intro to Psychology	6 days (\$1,098)
Social Studies - AP Psychology	6 days (\$1,098)
ELA - Grade 9 A/H	6 days (\$1,098)
ELA - Grade 10 A/H	6 days (\$1,098)
Math - Grade 3	6 days (\$1,098)
Math - Grade 6	6 days (\$1,098)
Math - Grade 7	6 days (\$1,098)
Math - Grade 7 Pre-Algebra	6 days (\$1,098)
Math - Algebra I	6 days (\$1,098)
Math - Algebra II	6 days (\$1,098)
Math - Calculus	6 days (\$1,098)
Math - AP Calculus	6 days (\$1,098)
Math - Statistics	6 days (\$1,098)
Business - Financial Literacy	6 days (\$1,098)
Business - Marketing I	6 days (\$1,098)
Business - Entrepreneurship & Leadership	6 days (\$1,098)
Business - CBIT	6 days (\$1,098)
V&P Arts - Music Theory	6 days (\$1,098)
V&P Arts - AP Music Theory	6 days (\$1,098)
V&P Arts - AP Studio Art	6 days (\$1,098)
STEM - Engineering & Design	6 days (\$1,098)
STEM - Fundamentals of Engineering	6 days (\$1,098)
STEM - Game Design	6 days (\$1,098)
STEM - AP Computer Science Principles	6 days (\$1,098)

Motion by: Shenton	Second by: Blumert	Roll Call Vote: 8-0-0
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**RESOLUTION NO. CIS-34-24****APPROVAL OF OUT-OF-DISTRICT PLACEMENT OF STUDENTS 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following out-of-district placements for 2023-2024 School Year:

STUDENT	PLACEMENT		FEE
#2720271	Cornerstone (Transfer Student)	ESY (1 day)	\$458.93

Motion by: Shenton	Second by: Blumert	Roll Call Vote: 8-0-0
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**FINANCE, FACILITIES, AND ATHLETICS****Mr. Joseph Blumert, Chair**

Mr. Blumert commented that he will speak to vendors at the NJSBA Workshop. He thanked the donors for their generosity.

FFA-46-24	Transfer of Funds for September 2023
FFA-47-24	Payment of Bills - September 19, 2023 to October 16, 2023
FFA-48-24	Approval to Accept Donations to the Pequannock Township School District
FFA-49-24	Declaration of Obsolete Equipment
FFA-50-24	Approval of Pomptonian, Inc. as Food Service Provider

**RESOLUTION NO. FFA-46-24****TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR SEPTEMBER 2023**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the additional transfer of funds within the 2023-2024 budget from September 2023, in accordance with the attached list, which shall become a part of the record.

Motion by: Blumert	Second by: Dempsey	Roll Call Vote: 8-0-0
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**RESOLUTION NO. FFA-47-24****PAYMENT OF BILLS – SEPTEMBER 19 - OCTOBER 16, 2023**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the Bills List, from September 19, 2023 to October 16, 2023, submitted by the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, as attached:

FUND	AMOUNT
General Funds 10, 20, 40	\$5,428,118.10
Capital Projects Fund 30	\$10,177.50
Food Service Fund 6x	\$3,111.25

Motion by: Blumert	Second by: Dempsey	Roll Call Vote: 8-0-0
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**RESOLUTION NO. FFA-48-24****APPROVAL TO ACCEPT DONATIONS TO THE PEQUANNOCK TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, in accordance with Policy 7230 and upon recommendation of the Superintendent, accepts the following donations to the Pequannock Township School District.

DONATION	TO	DONATED BY
Electric Guitar and Amp Value \$225.00	PV	Mr. and Mrs. Chris MacDonald
20 Backpacks Value \$1,218.62	PTHS Soccer Teams	PTHS Soccer Association

Motion by: Blumert	Second by: Dempsey	Roll Call Vote: 8-0-0
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**RESOLUTION NO. FFA-49-24**  
**DECLARATION OF OBSOLETE EQUIPMENT**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorizes the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, to declare the following items to be obsolete and will dispose of them as deemed appropriate. (Attachment)

Motion by: Blumert	Second by: Dempsey	Roll Call Vote: 8-0-0
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**RESOLUTION NO. FFA-50-24**  
**APPROVAL OF POMPTONIAN, INC. AS FOOD SERVICE PROVIDER**

WHEREAS, the Pequannock Township Board of Education, at its meeting of October 2, 2023, approved to terminate the food service agreement with Chartwells, effective December 1, 2023;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approves a food services agreement with Pomptonian, Inc., effective December 4, 2023, for a one-year period for the 2023-2024 school year, with the option to renew the agreement for one-year periods not to exceed a total of five (5) years in accordance with statute.

Motion by: Blumert	Second by: Dempsey	Roll Call Vote: 8-0-0
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**POLICY**

**Ms. Megan Dempsey, Chair**

P-05-24                    Approval of Revised Board Policies and Regulations for Second Reading and Adoption

**RESOLUTION NO. P-05-24**

**APPROVAL OF REVISED BOARD POLICIES AND REGULATIONS FOR SECOND READING AND ADOPTION**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the revised Board Policies and Regulations as listed for second reading and adoption:

<b>MANUAL SECTION</b>	<b>POLICY/REGULATION(R)</b>
<i>Bylaws</i>	0167 - Public Participation in Board Meetings
<i>Students</i>	5530R - Substance Abuse

Motion by: Dempsey	Second by: Pompeo	Roll Call Vote: 8-0-0
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**OTHER**

O-02-24 Approval of HIB Investigation Decisions  
O-03-24 New Jersey Quality Single Accountability Continuum (NJQSAC) District Performance Review -  
School Year 2022-2023

**RESOLUTION NO. O-02-24****APPROVAL OF HIB INVESTIGATION DECISIONS**

RESOLVED, that the Pequannock Board of Education (hereinafter referred to as the "Board") hereby affirms the Superintendent's decision in the following HIB Investigation and directs the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary to transmit a copy of the Board's decision to the affected students' parents forthwith.

INVESTIGATION NO.
SJG-1-24

Motion by: Gitin	Second by: Shenton	Roll Call Vote: 8-0-0
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**RESOLUTION NO. O-03-24****NEW JERSEY QUALITY SINGLE ACCOUNTABILITY CONTINUUM (NJQSAC) DISTRICT  
PERFORMANCE REVIEW - SCHOOL YEAR 2022-2023**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, acknowledges and accepts the NJQSAC District High Performing results as reported upon the 2022-2023 school year inspection and submitted to the New Jersey Department of Education.

Motion by: Gitin	Second by: Shenton	Roll Call Vote: 8-0-0
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### OPEN TO PUBLIC ANY TOPIC

Members of the public may speak once for a maximum period of five minutes by the clock during this portion of the meeting. The public may speak on any topic during their five minutes. If a member of the public raises a question, all questions should be directed to the Board President. Please state your name and sign in before you begin.

None

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

### NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Dempsey asked if information regarding common assessments could be shared with the Board. Mrs. Shenton asked if the School Start Time committee meeting on October 26<sup>th</sup> will be recorded and Dr. Portas replied that it will be. Mr. Blumert shared that due to the marching band competition cancellation, the band will be holding a tricky tray at the Brownstone to raise \$10,000 to recoup their losses. He invited all to look for an upcoming notice for the event.

### BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Senyk attended the presentation on mental health by Mark Mero. He attended the Wheelchair Basketball game and said that it was a blast and that the Hoedown was phenomenal. Mrs. Shenton remarked that the Wheelchair Basketball game had great energy. Mr. Ciresi enjoyed the Hoedown as did Mr. Blumert. Ms. Dempsey attended the Morris County School Boards meeting and shared that the district's efforts are recognized throughout the county. She observed that the Hope packing project had a lot of donations. Dr. Portas mentioned that NJ4S calls attention to mental health needs and Mrs. Esposito shared that she attended for her district. Mr. Pompeo recognized Student Representative Lilliana Fazliu. He spoke highly of the Mark Mero presentation and the Hoedown. He wished all student athletes the best of luck. He remarked that the excitement of the retired educators was palpable. He looks forward to attending the 4 Years and Beyond program. Mr. Blumert invited all to the ribbon cutting ceremony for the People's Picnic Project.

### CONSIDERATION OF EXECUTIVE SESSION


RESOLVED, that in accordance with Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L., the Board has the authority to adjourn to closed session to discuss matters pertaining to student matters. Said matters will be made public upon their disposition. No action will be taken.

Motion by: Blumert	Second by: Gitin	Roll Call Vote: 8-0-0	Time: 9:04 pm
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### ADJOURNMENT OF PUBLIC MEETING

Motion by: Shenton	Second by: Pompeo	Voice Vote: 8-0-0	Time: 9:25 pm
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Respectfully,



Gordon E. Gibbs  
Board Secretary

### FUTURE PUBLIC BOARD MEETINGS

Monday, November 6, 2023	Workshop Meeting	7:00 P.M.	PTHS
Monday, November 20, 2023	Regular Business Meeting	7:00 P.M.	PTHS